

BOB BREMNER suggests that the reason for the shortage of 1d stamps (1st para, Pg.24) was not necessarily because 1d was the general postage rate.

During the war, everyone was exhorted to buy War Savings Certificates to help finance the war. "Street" collectors were organised (I remember my mother taking me, as a small child, round our neighbours once a week selling 6d saving stamps) and for many, a 6d stamp, which was the cheapest one, was beyond their means.

A smaller savings card was introduced on which could be stuck 1d postage stamps and these could then be exchanged for the War Savings Stamps.

I have no reference book to check the dates when this system started during the war, but from enquiries of people who remember buying War Savings Stamps, this '1d saving' was correct.

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